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FOR: METHOD FOR GROWING CARBON NANOTUBES, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE HAVING STRUCTURE OF OHMIC CONNECTION TO CARBON ELEMENT CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURE BODY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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